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In Re Patent Application of:  
Michael I. Miga

Conf. No.: 9523

: Group Art Unit: 2621

Appln. No.: 10/787,056

: Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filing Date: February 24, 2004

: Attorney Docket No.: 9823-24U1 (VU0358)

Title: ELASTOGRAPHY IMAGING MODALITIES FOR CHARACTERIZING  
PROPERTIES OF TISSUE

**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO A NOTICE OF INFORMALITY  
REGARDING PAYMENT OF FEES**

This communication is being filed in response to the Notice of Informality Regarding Payment of Fees dated October 13, 2004 ("Notice"), a response to which is due November 13, 2004. Enclosed is a copy of the Notice. There is no contact information provided on the Notice other than a group art unit number.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Preliminary Amendment dated July 19, 2004 (copy enclosed), be entered, and request that the records be updated to show that the fee in the amount of \$52.00 for the additional claims was paid at the time of filing the Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated May 19, 2004, in the above-identified patent application.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Transmittal Letter dated July 19, 2004, a copy of our firm's cancelled check in the amount of \$502.00, and a copy of the "stamped" return postcard acknowledging receipt of the response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated July 21, 2004, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

As can be seen, the Transmittal Letter includes a Fee Calculation Sheet, and our firm check included \$385.00 for the basic filing fee, \$52.00 for the additional claims, and \$65.00 for the surcharge of the late Declaration, which is a total of \$502.00.

Applicant respectfully requests that the enclosed documents be acknowledged as received and that the records be updated accordingly to reflect that these documents have been properly filed.

We request that the Clerk of the Group or the Group Special Examiner contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone if there are any questions regarding this matter or if there is any reason that the above documents will not be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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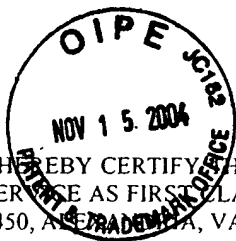
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to the first substantive examination of the subject Application, Applicant hereby amends the application as follows, without prejudice: